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If a man is a democrat and believes in good government there is no doubt but that he will vote the democratic ticket.

The Payne-Allrich tariff is so very unpopular that even the republicans in Congress, cannot resist "hitting it a few" every now and then.

Twenty five persons were injured in a wreck on the Norfolk and Southern railroad on Tuesday afternoon caused by a passenger train being derailed about six miles from Hertford.

The resignation in Congress that is looked forward to as being the next appropriate one is that of Senator Payne. He ought to feel like hiding himself forever from the common people.

The holders of the "Carpet-bag" bonds of North Carolina are again trying to give the State trouble. This time trying to injure the credit and good name of the State in the money circles. There should be some way to get rid of such people as these.

No adjournment of Congress is yet in sight and it looks like the solons will celebrate the Glorious Fourth in the National Capital. It takes time to fix up bills that read equally well to the people and to the trusts, but which carry all the provisions to the trusts. That is the program of the Taft administration. —News-Observer.

In some parts of the Country there are men who are crying for a new party. There is no need for a new party. The party is all right, and if the people will get together at the proper time and be careful who they nominate, they will see that the party will be allright. We have no patience with such men, as they are inevitably trying to get the leadership of the same and possibly a fat job.

CHAMP CLARK is a leader who leads. Mr. Taft recently said the tariff on woolen goods should be reduced. "All right," says Mr. Clark to the President, "send your message to Congress demanding a reduction and if Chairman Payne will report the bill the Democrats will offer no amendments." It is up to the President, but unfortunately he talks with the people but acts with the interests. —News-Observer.

ONE of the most inconsistent things that has come within our notice is the fact that the postoffice department is fighting the newspaper postage rates and at the same time the government and state departments are always sending "lead-head" notices to these same papers for publication. If the government would send the same amount of matter and pay for it at regular advertising rates the papers might be in a position to pay the excess rate they propose.

Conviction For Violation of Cattle Quarantine.

In order to prevent the spread of the disease known as southern, splenic, or Texas fever of cattle, and to further the work of eradicating the ticks which convey this disease, the United States Department of Agriculture maintains a strict quarantine on the infected region and endeavors to enforce this quarantine by court prosecutions when necessary. In a recent case in the United States court for the Western District of North Carolina at Asheville, one W. W. Anderson entered a plea of guilty to a charge of violating the law and regulations, and a fine of \$100 and costs was imposed by the court. The offense consisted in driving on foot certain cattle from Franklin county, Ga., through Polk county, Tenn., which two counties were under quarantine, into Cherokee county, N. C., which county was outside the quarantined area.

THE RETURN OF A HERO.

ATTORNEY GENERAL BICKETT RETURNS TO FIELD OF HIS GREAT CONQUEST.

And In a Spirited and Eloquent Address at the Closing of the Charlotte Schools He Adds New Laurels to the Wreath He Won There on a Former Great Occasion

We take the following tribute to our esteemed townsman from the News-Observer, written by Mr. F. B. Arendell:

Charlotte, N. C. May, 18. —Just a little less than two years ago a gentleman came out of Franklin county and journeyed to Charlotte on a special mission. He was comparatively young and comparatively unknown. He came quietly, unostentatiously and there was but little heralding of his approach. Some ten or twenty thousand others journeyed also to the Queen City at the same time, for there was a great game to be played—a regular Monte Carlo in North Carolina politics—and this gentleman, together with all the others, was to take part in that thrilling and exciting game, and along with it all, there was to be some side games, some minor conflicts within the great conflict. There was to be played a great game of convention oratory—nominating masterpieces from pastmasters and other masters, and they were all there—medal wearers and laurel-decked champions of rare and ripe renown. The quiet and almost unobserved Frankinian was entered in this contest, the seal-stirring, spell-binding, heart-melting masters of eloquent and ornate convention oratory, sat by him, and when his hour came with intrepid but slightly nervous tread he advanced to the front of the stage hundreds, yea thousands, said to themselves or to others, "Who is that?" and those who knew him replied, "It's Tom Bickett," and when in a voice clarion-tongued and distinct but gentle and rhythmic, he said, "Mr. Chairman and gentlemen of the convention," immediate an expectant silence settled upon the great throng. He proceeded for a few moments, and it was like pushing an electric button and touching off a great battery of effective eloquence, brilliant logic, ornate eratory stirring appeals, touching humor and beautiful diction. He captured the vast crowd one and all and held them spell bound by voice, language and gesture until he had well nigh bankrupted that thrilling, exciting and wonderful game of eloquent and effective oratory. When he finished he had spoken himself into far-reaching prominence. He had unknowingly and without the slightest intention of doing so, spoken himself into one of the loftiest positions within the gift of the great convention, and with no purpose to do so and no idea of such a result, he had so fortified the position as to make it irresistible, and the speech of Tom Bickett at that Charlotte convention forms a brilliant page in our current political history.

Yesterday he journeyed again to Charlotte. The hero returned to the field of his great conquest. He was here in response to an urgent invitation from Superintendent Alexander Graham to deliver an address at the closing of Charlotte's great system of high schools and graded schools, and five thousand people had assembled to greet him and to hear him. He came this time not as plain Tom Bickett from Louisville, but he came as North Carolina's distinguished Attorney-General, not to sweep the deck of political oratory, but to speak to the children and to the parents of the children about the children. He came to speak not of the achievements of the men and the statesmen of the past or present, but to discuss the proper processes for the building of the great men and women of the future. He spoke in the same great auditorium, and he stood almost upon the exact spot. His audience appeared approximately as large in numbers but it was different in make up. On the former occasion he was surrounded on the rostrum by great and mature men, statesmen, officials, citizens

of advanced years and ripe experience—this time the rostrum was decorated by a bevy of a hundred or more beautiful girls and buoyant boys in their teens. He spoke before of greatness, distinction and lofty character already attained. This time he was pointing the way to the achievement of greatness, distinction and renown. The deafening and boisterous applause came before from the strong and brawny hands of strong and vigorous men. Last night it was produced by the clapping of tiny, tender hands and by the stamping of little feet, but these plaudits were no less spontaneous and no less sincere. He selected as his subject "Educational Dividends," and in the manner of the master of eloquence that he is, he showed that the dividends derived from an intellectual citizenship are transcendently greater and of more far-reaching value to civilization and to the civic and religious uplift of mankind than the dividends accruing from all other investments combined.

An immense throng of people heard the distinguished and gifted Attorney General and were charmed and enchanted by his magnificent address.

Endorses Mr. Allbrook.

To the voters of Franklin County: As a son of the dear old county of Franklin I wish to say a word through the columns of the Franklin Times, (one of the best county papers published in the State) in regard to the nomination of a candidate for the solicitorship at the coming convention for the Fourth Judicial District.

Having lived in the eastern end of the district for seven years I have had the opportunity and pleasure of forming an acquaintance and coming in personal contact with Hon. R. G. Allbrook, one of the aspirants for the office of Solicitor, and have found him to be a clever, conscientious, sober, honorable and scholarly gentleman. Having had a number of years of active and successful practice at the bar he is amply qualified to fulfill those duties devolving upon a solicitor for our State. His ability as a lawyer and moral sobriety especially fit him for this high office which he is seeking at the instance of his friends, and the voters of our district can do themselves no greater credit than to give him the nomination, which means election, at the Judicial convention which will meet at the call of the Executive Committee of the District.

Soliciting your support for the above named candidate, I beg to remain,

Your friend,
S. A. NEWELL.

A Card.

To the voters of Franklin County: I wish to say that I have no unkind feelings towards any one on account of being defeated for nomination for Sheriff and am in hopes I will see the time when I will be able to show my appreciation for the support given me and among those who have opposed me if I have any enemies although I hope I have none, if they expect to do more to elect the nominees than I do, they will have to rise earlier and work harder than they have ever worked before. I appreciate the support given me, and will show my appreciation in the future.

Respectfully,
R. B. HARRIS.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a petition will be presented to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of Willis Young, convicted at April term 1907 of Franklin Superior Court of an attempt to commit arsenic and sentenced to the Penitentiary for seven years. This May 26th, 1910. W. M. PEARSON, Attorney for Willis Young.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a petition will be presented to the Governor of North Carolina for the pardon of Hugh Davis, convicted at January term 1908 of Franklin Superior court for secret assault and sentenced to the penitentiary for 10 years. This May 26th, 1910. W. M. PEARSON, Attorney for Hugh Davis.

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